Introduced by Assembly Member Perea

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 13163 of the Water Code, relating to water quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1376, as introduced, Perea. State Water Resources Control Board: investigations.

Existing law designates the State Water Resources Control Board as the state pollution control agency for purposes of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and authorizes the state board to exercise any powers delegated to the state by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Existing law requires the state board to coordinate water-quality-related investigations of state agencies and requires a state agency to submit to the state board, for review and comment, plans for, and results of, investigations that relate to, or have an effect upon, water quality.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these water-quality-related investigation provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 13163 of the Water Code is amended to
- 2 read:

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 13163. (a) The state board shall coordinate water-quality-related investigations of state agencies, recognizing that other state agencies have primary statutory authority for such the investigations, and shall consult with the concerned regional boards in implementing this section.

- (b) The state board from time to time shall evaluate the need for water-quality-related investigations to effectively develop and implement statewide policy for water quality control and shall transmit its recommendations for investigations to affected or concerned federal, state, and local agencies. The affected state agencies agency shall comply with the recommendations or shall advise the state board in writing why they do the state agency will not comply with such the recommendations.
- (c) State agencies A state agency shall submit to the state board for review and comment plans—for for, and results—of all of, investigations that relate—to, or have an effect—upon upon, water quality—for review and comment.